

TOWN OF MANSFIELD
Ethics Board
Thursday, December 2, 2010
Audrey Beck Municipal Building, Conference Room B

Minutes

Members Present: Lena Barry, David Ferrero, Saul Nesselroth, Mike Sikoski, Win Smith, Nora Stevens

Staff Present: Maria Capriola, Assistant to Town Manager, Mary Stanton, Town Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 4:32pm.

I. PUBLIC COMMENT

Elizabeth Wassmundt, Old Turnpike Road, spoke in regards to member appointments and terms.

II. VICE CHAIR'S REPORT

- a. *Board Membership Update.* Ms. Stevens and Ms. Stanton provided updates. Mr. Nesselroth was appointed to fill the regular member vacancy. The Committee on Committees is reviewing Board member terms; the Committee on Committees review will continue at its December 20, 2010 meeting.

III. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Smith made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ferrero to nominate Mr. Nesselroth as Chair. Mr. Nesselroth declined and the makers of the motion withdrew said motion.

Ms. Stevens made a motion to nominate Mr. Smith as Chair. Mr. Smith declined and Ms. Stevens withdrew said motion.

Mr. Smith made a motion, seconded by Mr. Nesselroth to nominate Ms. Stevens as Chair. The motion passed unanimously and Ms. Stevens accepted the Chair position.

Mr. Ferrero made a motion, seconded by Mr. Smith to nominate Mr. Nesselroth as Vice Chair. The motion passed unanimously and Mr. Nesselroth accepted the Vice Chair position.

Mr. Nesselroth made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ferrero to nominate Mr. Smith as Secretary. Mr. Smith agreed to accept the position but would intend to delegate minute taking responsibilities to staff. Concurrently, Mr. Sikoski offered to serve as secretary; subsequently, Mr. Smith made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ferrero to nominate Mr. Sikoski as Secretary. Mr. Smith asked Mr. Sikoski if his intent as secretary would be to record minutes himself; Mr. Sikoski stated his intent would be to record minutes himself and to be responsible for the audio recording of the meetings. On the motion to

nominate Mr. Smith as secretary, the vote was 2-1-2 (Nesselroth, Stevens in favor; Smith against; Sikoski, Ferrero abstaining). On the motion to nominate Mr. Sikoski as secretary, the vote was 3-1-1 (Ferrero, Nesselroth, Smith in favor; Stevens against; Sikoski abstaining).

IV. 2011 REGULAR MEETING DATES

Mr. Sikoski made a motion, seconded by Mr. Nesselroth for the Ethics Board to meet during 2011 on the first Thursday of every other month at 4:30pm beginning with January 6, 2011. The motion passed unanimously.

V. COMMUNICATIONS

The Committee reviewed the annual report submission prepared by Ms. Stevens and Mr. Smith. Mr. Sikoski made a motion, seconded by Mr. Nesselroth, to authorize Ms. Stevens to submit the annual report to Council and the Town Clerk. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. APPROVAL OF 10/7/10 MINUTES

Mr. Smith made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ferrero to adopt the minutes of 10/7/10. The motion passed unanimously with no objections.

VIa. DISCUSSION OF ETHICS CODE

Mr. Sikoski made a motion, seconded by Mr. Smith to add discussion of Ethics Code to the agenda as item 6a. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Capriola provided an update to the Board regarding the status of the review being conducted by the Personnel Committee. By consensus the Committee asked Ms. Stevens to follow-up with the Chair of the Personnel Committee regarding the status of the Code review.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Smith made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sikoski to adjourn the meeting. With no objections, the meeting adjourned at 5:10pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Maria E. Capriola, Assistant to Town Manager